

The phrase "a capacity characteristic of being able" refers to battery specifications that accord with the vehicle specifications, which would allow the electric storage device to provide enough electric power, on its own, for the entire requested electric power to operate the vehicle.

The phrase "at least during an early stage following restart of operation of the fuel cell unit," refers to a period of time from when the fuel cell unit is restarted to when the I-V characteristic of the fuel cell unit is recovered to the steady state.

The phrase "a state of pause," refers to an intermittent operation where operation of the fuel cell unit is stopped.

The phrase "during a pause of operation of the fuel cell unit," refers to the period of an intermittent operation.

The phrase, "restart operation," refers to the restart of the ordinary operation mode of the fuel cell unit where the fuel cell unit is operated.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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